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SUBJ: SALE OF AFGHAN GOVERNMENT SEIZED OPIUM

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1. THE FOLLOWING TENDER NOTICE CONCERNING THE SALE OF OPIUM SEIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN APPEARED IN THE KABUL TIMES, MARCH 11.

"SIX TONS CONFISCATED RAW OPIUM IS FOR SALE FOB KABUL AIRPORT. THE LAST OFFER WHICH IS RECEIVED FROM ONE OF THE FOREIGN COMPANIES IS AS FOLLOWS:

OPIUM CONTAINING 6 PERCENT OR HIGHER MORPHINE \$9.40 PER UNIT

OPIUM CONTAINING 5-6 PERCENT OR HIGHER MORPHINE \$6.00 PER UNIT

OPIUM CONTAINING 4-5 PERCENT OR HIGHER MORPHINE \$5.00 PR UNIT

OPIUM CONTAINING 2-3 PERCENT OR HIGHER MORPHINE \$3.00 PER UNIT

"A UNIT OF MORPHINE IS ONE PERCENT MORPHINE PER KILOGRAM OF OPIUM."

"FOREIGN FIRMS WHO WANT TO PURCHASE THE OPIUM AT HIGHER PRICE ON THE BASIS OF THE CONVENTION 1961 OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC CONTROL BOARD SHOULD SEND THEIR OFFERS, SEALED TO THE FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY BY MARCH 25,
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1976, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BIDDER COMPANIES REPORT AT

10 AM THE SAME DAY AT THE LAST BIDDING SESSION. THE OPIUM
WILL BE TESTED AT SEPARATE LABS ONE TO BE CHOSEN BY BUYER AND
ONE BY SELLER."

2. REQUEST USDOC TO NOTIFY MERCK AND COMPANY, MALLINKRODT, AND
OTHER INTERESTED COMPANIES. POSSIBLE THAT BID QUOTED IN ABOVE
ARTICLE MAY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY AN AMERICAN BIDDER.
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